

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION  
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**

**3 CAPITOL HILL  
CONFERENCE ROOM 401  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015  
8:00 A.M.**

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jeffrey Dodge, DMD, Chairman  
Stephen Puerini, DMD, Vice Chairman  
Donald Williams, Secretary  
Russell Chin, DDS  
Jeffrey Dodge, DMD  
Martin Elson, DDS  
Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA  
Eric George, DMD  
Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed.  
Martin Nager, DMD  
Susan Perlini, RDH, BS  
Robert Ricci, Ph.D.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Caroline Danish, DMD  
Maryellen Simas, RDH

**STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Amy Coleman, JD  
Linda Esposito, Board Manager  
Sarah Harrigan, Chief of the Center for Professional  
Boards and Commissions

## **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Robert Bartro – RIDA  
Christy Durant – RIDA/RIOMS  
Marie Jones-Bridges – RIDHA  
Patrick Quinlan, JD – RIDA  
Rebecca Kislak – RI Health Center Assoc.

### **1. Establishment of a quorum**

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. on a motion by Stephen Puerini, DMD, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD. Motion carried.

### **2. Board Manager's Report**

The Board Manager introduced Sarah Harrigan, Chief of the Center for Professional Boards and Commissions.

The Board Manager also introduced Jeffrey Dodge, DMD, as having been accepted the role of Chairperson for the Board.

Stephen Puerini, DMD, offered recognition of the services being provided by Linda Esposito to the Board as Board Manager.

### **3. Public Comment**

Marie Jones-Bridges of the RIDHA congratulated Jeffrey Dodge, DMD, on his appointment to the Board as Chairperson. She also thanked Martin Nager, DMD, for the use of his office for the Dental Hygiene sub-committee meetings.

### **4. Presentation of the July 1, 2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed., to accept the Open Session minutes for the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry for Wednesday, July 1, 2015. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

## **5. Review of Issued Licenses List**

Board Members reviewed the list of licenses issued since the last Board Meeting. Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Robert Ricci, Ph.D., to accept the list of licensees as presented. Motion carried.

## **6. Chairperson's Report**

- **Communications**

Chairman Dodge wished to acknowledge the passing of Gail Guiliano, former Dental Board Administrator.

- **Dental Hygiene Rules and Regulations Sub-Committee report including Public Hygienists**

Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA, advised the Board that the minutes of the July 22, 2015 Dental Hygiene Rules and Regulations Sub-Committee meeting will be available for the September 2, 2015 Board Meeting. She also advised that another Sub-Committee meeting on this matter is scheduled for August 12, 2015.

- **Steering Committee report**

Russell Chin, DDS, provided a report from the ADEX Steering Committee meeting in Maryland. This report indicated that, in a poll of other states present at the meeting (Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Indiana), none accept the Canadian Boards exams for licensure in the U.S. Discussion took place regarding the requirement of all dentists to have taken and passed the periodontal portion of the ADEX exam to qualify for licensure in Rhode Island, and that this requirement should be indicated in the application as well as posted on the website.

- **September 2, 2015 Board Meeting**

Chairman Dodge confirmed that the September 2, 2015 Board Meeting will go forward as scheduled.

- **License Committee Meeting**

No License Committee Meeting was held for August 5, 2015 as there were no license application issues to be addressed.

## **7. Old Business**

- **Anesthesia Facility Permit research updates**

A motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Russell Chin, DDS to table discussion of the Anesthesia Facility Permit research updates until the September 2, 2015 Board Meeting, following complete Board review of the Proposed Rules and Regulations. Motion carried.

- **Discussion of Proposed Rules and Regulations and Community Review**

After discussion, the following changes to the current Proposed Rules and Regulations were suggested:

- Wherever the name of a testing agency appears, it will be replaced by reference to the “ADEX” examination
- Applicants who have graduated from a U.S. accredited school in Canada, must take the ADEX exam and periodontal portion of the exam to qualify for licensure
- Specific to 5.1.1(e), the paragraph would be revised to read, “hold a current license in good standing to practice dentistry in another state for five (5) consecutive years, immediately prior to the date of application in Rhode Island.

A vote on all suggested changes will take place upon completion of review and discussion of Proposed Rules and Regulations.

A motion was made by Kerri Friel, RDH, and seconded by Robert Ricci, Ph.D., to table all cases scheduled for Closed Session at this meeting, until the September 2, 2015 meeting so that the Board could continue their review and discussion of the Proposed Rules and Regulations and Community Review information at this meeting. Motion carried.

- **Licensure Requirements Review Sub-Committee report**

Following further review and discussion, a motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Russell Chin, DDS to table further discussion of the Licensure Requirements Review Sub-Committee report until the September 2, 2015 Board Meeting, following complete Board review of the Proposed Rules and Regulations. Motion carried.

## **8. New Business**

- Nitrous Oxide Permit inspections

After discussion of the requirement for Nitrous Oxide permit inspections, a motion was made by Eric George, DMD, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, to delegate the issuance of Nitrous Oxide permits to staff without the requirement of inspection. Following further discussion, Eric George, DMD, withdrew his motion. A motion was made by Martin Elson, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, to change the Rules and Regulations to state that Nitrous Oxide permits and Facility Permits for Nitrous Oxide may be issued without inspection upon fulfillment of the application requirements; however, the Board would reserve the right to conduct future inspections without notice and without cause. Motion carried.

**Department of Health Director, Dr. Nicole Alexander Scott, arrived at 9:30 a.m. to share with Board Members that the Department has selected a candidate to fill the part time Board Administrator's position. Following some discussion, the Board requested to meet the selected candidate, possibly at the September 2, 2015 Board Meeting.**

A Motion was made by Kerri Friel, RDH, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, that continued review of Proposed Rules and Regulations and Community Review be placed as the first item on the Open Agenda for the September 2, 2015 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

## **9. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session**

- A motion was made by Donald Williams, and seconded by Susan Perlini, RDH, to adjourn to Closed Session at 11:30 a.m. pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Motion carried.

## **10. Motion to Return to Open Session**

- Motion was made by Kerri Friel, RDH, and seconded by Robert Ricci, Ph.D., at 11:35 a.m. to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

**9. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session**

- None

**10. Adjournment**

- The next Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 8:00AM at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Kerri Friel, RDH, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, to adjourn at 11:40 a.m.. Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Esposito  
Board Manager  
Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry